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DVORKOVICH-ANAND DUO TAKES CHARGE OF FIDE

Russia's Arkady Dvorkovich re-elected as president, while India's chess legend Viswanathan Anand elected his deputy

RUSSIAN'S GRIP ON THE ORGANISATION TOTAL

Five-time world champion Anand was part of Dvorkovich's team. Dvorkovich received 157 votes as against 16 polled by his rival Andrii Baryshpolets while the number of invalid votes was 1 and abstentions stood at 5. The elections were held during the FIDE Congress which is being conducted alongside the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mahabalipuram

INDIA CONTINUE TO DOMINATE ON BOARD

- India B played out a 2-2 draw against Azerbaijan in the 9th round in the open section, India A and C teams registered 3-1 wins
- India B's D Gukesh's 8-match winning run comes to an end
- In the women's, top-seeded India A lost 2.5-1.5 to Poland, while India B beat Switzerland 4-0 and India C bettered Estonia 3-1

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D GUKESH'S (PIC) WINNING STREAK COMES TO AN END WITH A DRAW

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with chief ministers of 23 states and heads of UTs at a NITI Aayog meeting in New Delhi on Sunday

GST compensation, MSP, dues figure in NITI meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

ISSUES related to the extension of GST compensation, increasing states' share in central taxes, demand for legal guarantee to the minimum support price (MSP) for crops, release of pending funds for central schemes, and cooperative federalism were raised by chief ministers during the seventh Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Sunday.

It was their first in-person meeting since the pandemic struck. It was attended by 23 chief ministers, three lieutenant governors, two administrators and Union ministers.

Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao and his Bihar counterpart Nitish Kumar skipped it while Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin did not attend because it was his father M Karunanidhi's death anniversary. Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai is down with Covid.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought support to raise the GST collection. "Increasing GST collection requires collective action by the Centre and the states. It is crucial for strengthening our economic position," he said.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel sought a five-year extension of compensation to states in lieu of a fall in revenue due to the GST's implementation.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee reportedly left after the first half of the meeting, citing the cyclone situation in the state. She sought the urgent release of funds to the state on account of the implementation of MGNREGA and other central schemes. Calling for greater Centre-state cooperation, she asked the Centre to look into the demands of the states more seriously, adding no policies like implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) should be forced on them.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann raised the matter of providing legal guarantee to MSP. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik said the state has been historically neglected in subjects on the central list, such as telecom, railways and banking. "We have the lowest density in all these crucial infrastructures and I would urge the Central government to give special focus to Odisha," he said. P7

Sulking JD(U) says it won't join the Centre

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

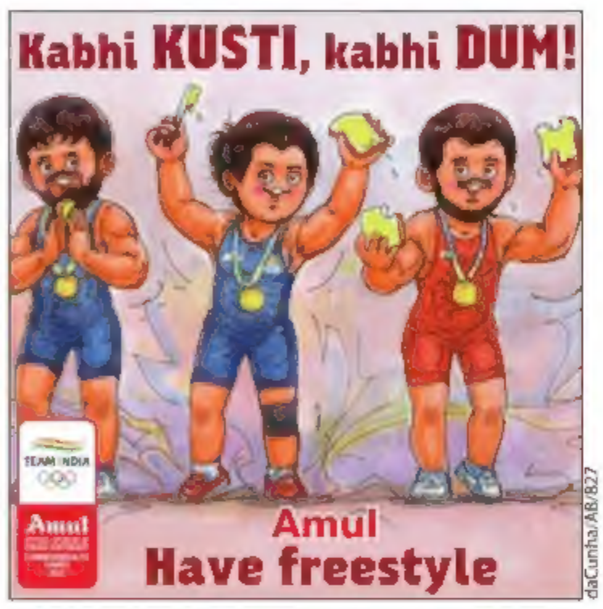
On a day Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar skipped the NITI Aayog meeting in Delhi for the second time in a row, his party continued to be in a sulk saying it will not join the Union ministry despite a vacancy created by its former member R C P Singh's resignation from the Cabinet.

JD(U)'s national chief Rajiv Ranjan Singh a.k.a Lalan Singh said his party will stick to its 2019 stand on the issue. He, however, added that the JD(U) will continue to be part of the NDA.

In 2019, Nitish had announced that the party would stay away from the Union cabinet. "We still stick to our earlier stand," he said.

He blamed R C P Singh for unilaterally reversing it in 2021 when the latter was the national head of the party. "Nitish Kumar could not react to his (RCP's) decision for obvious reasons," Lalan claimed.

Lalan also obliquely attacked the state BJP, saying a plot was being hatched to weaken Nitish. A second Chirag Paswan model was being conjured up to do so, he alleged. Paswan had fielding his party's candidates against the JD(U) in the Assembly elections, which resulted in the defeat of the JD(U) in about 20 Assembly seats.



Kateel may go; With high command nod, CM getting ready for rejig

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who completed one year in office, is said to be getting ready for a reshuffle of his cabinet.

He has already consulted the party higher-ups and is expected to fill up at least three to four of the five vacancies, considering that the Assembly elections are just eight months away, party sources said. The issue was taken up during the recent visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Bengaluru and Bommai's consultations with the party leadership, they added.

Party state vice-president BY Vijayendra's entry into the cabinet has been ruled out and sources said he will have to wait for the next BJP government to be inducted. While "tainted" former ministers KS Eshwarappa and Ramesh Jarkiholi, who have since received clean chits after allegations were made against them, are working hard for their reinduction, Bommai is unlikely to take them in, the sources said.

The change of state party president Nalin Kumar Kateel is almost certain as his term comes to an end, they said. The names of Energy Minister Sunil Kumar, Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje and party National General Secretary CT Ravi are doing the rounds. Sunil is young, hails from the backward Billava community and enjoys good relations with former chief minister BS Yediyurappa. CONTINUED ON: P4

SSLV mission fails as sats put in wrong orbit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE maiden launch of ISRO's new Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) on Sunday was a failure as two satellites it injected into orbit were unusable, the space agency said.

"SSLV-D1 placed the satellites into 356 km x 76 km elliptical orbit instead of 356 km circular orbit. Satellites are no longer usable," it tweeted.

"As the 76 kms elliptical orbit was the lower most point and closer to the surface of the earth, the satellites placed in such an orbit will not stay for long time due to the atmosphere and will come down. The (two satellites) have already come down from that orbit and are no longer usable," chairman of ISRO Dr S Somannath said. He said the satellites deviated from their paths due to an anomaly, adding an expert committee was analysing the data to determine what precisely caused the issue.

While all three stages of the rocket performed well, there was some loss of data in its terminal phase.

The launch vehicle was carrying an earth observation satellite EOS-02 weighing 145 kg and an educational satellite AzaadiSat, made by school girls from rural parts of the country to celebrate India's 75 years of Independence.

The payloads of AzaadiSat were integrated by the student team of 'Space Kidz India'.

SUPER SUNDAY

Amit back in focus

Many were closely following Amit Panghal (51kg), especially after his disastrous Tokyo Olympics campaign. Amit had a point to prove and he did it with excellence. In the final, it was a lopsided bout with the Indian outplaying his rival.

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HISTORIC GOLDEN LEAP

Eldhose Paul led India's historic 1-2 finish in men's triple jump as he won a rare gold (17.03m) in track and field events and fellow Kerala athlete Abdulla Aboobacker won silver.

Woman of the moment

Reigning world champ Nikhat Zareen (50kg) has been operating at a different level in recent times. Facing Carly McNaul of Northern Ireland in the 50kg final at CWG, Nikhat was always a step ahead and she maintained the gap to take the top prize.

EXPRESS READ

Israeli airstrike kills 2nd top Islamic Jihad commander

Gaza City (Gaza Strip): An Israeli airstrike killed a senior commander in the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad, the fighters said on Sunday, their second leader to be slain amid an escalating conflict. The killing of Khaled Mansour came a day after the killing of the militant's commander.

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Ph-1 of B'luru Airport City to open by '25

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

ON a sprawling 463 acres of land on the premises of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), a multi-billion dollar Smart City, encompassing many worlds including business and entertainment, is getting ready. Though the pandemic had delayed construction of the futuristic Bengaluru Airport City, it has now picked up momentum with the first phase set to be opened in 2025.

Rao Munukutla, Chief Executive Officer, Bengaluru Airport City Ltd – a wholly owned subsidiary of KIA operator Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), told *The New Indian Express*, "Our key assets such as concert arena, Retail, Dining and Entertainment (RDE) Village, first business park, a combo hotel with 775 rooms (operated by Ginger, Vivanta), SATS Central Kitchen and lush central park are expected to be completed by 2025. Every two years, one can see new assets getting operational and within 15 to 20 years, we plan to complete most of the Airport City."

He said, "At the heart of the Airport City are the business parks and technology hubs. These have been designed as best-in-class business destinations, creating an environment of innovation that acts as a magnet for talent as well as the location of choice for employers, investors and businesses of the future." CONTINUED ON: P3

125 PAPERS, 6 PATENTS

Tamil Nadu's Kalaiselvi first woman to head CSIR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

BREAKING the glass ceiling, senior scientist Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman to be appointed as Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), a consortium of 38 research institutes across the country.

The scientist, who hails from Ambasamudhram in Tirunelveli district, started her career as an entry-level scientist. She is known for her work in the field of lithium-ion batteries, and is currently the Director of the CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute in Karaikudi.

She will succeed Shekhar Mande, who retired in April, and Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, was given the additional charge of CSIR. She will also hold charge as Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Congratulating Kalaiselvi, Chief Minister M K Stalin said her achievements proved Tamil education is not an obstacle for achieving excellence in science. Kalaiselvi had completed her entire schooling in Tamil medium. In 2019, Kalaiselvi became the first woman to lead the Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI). She has more than 125 research papers and six patents to her credit. Her work in the field of lithium-ion batteries is important keeping in mind the country's focus on clean mobility solutions and push for affordable electric vehicles. Her research work is primarily focused on electrochemical power systems and in particular the development of electrode materials and electrochemical evaluation of in-house prepared electrode materials for their suitability in energy storage device assembly. Under her guidance, eight scholars have received PhD and six others are currently pursuing doctorate. She is a recipient of several awards including MRSI medal and CSIR Raman Research Fellowship.

Completed schooling in Tamil medium

Kalaiselvi had completed her entire schooling in Tamil medium. In 2019, she became the first woman to lead CSIR-CECRI. Her work in the field of lithium-ion batteries is critical considering India's focus on clean mobility solutions and the Central government's e-vehicle push.

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